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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
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Re: Docket No. 98N-1265

Dear Sir or Madam:

I send this letter, as a consumer of health care services, to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernization Act, severely restricts the rights of physicians and patients to obtain health care products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of the compounding pharmacists to serve the public's medical needs. As a health care consumer, I believe there should be no restrictions upon the delivery of compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I live or travel. The MOU must be amended!

The FDA is an agency of the U.S. Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for consumer safety. THIS IS NOT A SAFETY ISSUE! As a governmental agency, the FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to the people.

On a personal note, I am not sure what I would have done without my free access to a compounding pharmacy. I tend to be very chemically sensitive, so my doctor opted to place me on natural hormones rather than patented pharmaceutical products. I received the prescription from the pharmacy by mail which is so convenient. I am on a "first name basis" with a pharmacist there whose advice has helped me tremendously. She, my doctor and I, have all worked closely together to achieve the best possible compound for me. I urge you not to take this freedom away from me and others in my situation needing custom compounding.

Sincerely yours,

  
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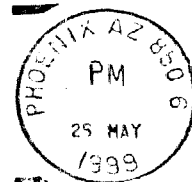
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